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SUBJ: INMARSAT WG MEETING

1. ISWG OPENED OCT. 27 AT PICCADILLY HOTEL WITH DAMLE (INDIA) IN CHAIR. REPRESENTATION AT MEETING ABOUT SAME AS FIRST ISWG IN NUMBER. GREATER PARTICIPATION BY LDC REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED BY SOME DID NOT MATERIALIZE. BOTH WORKING EROUPS MENTIONED PARA (5) BELOW BEGAN MEETING AFTERNOON OCT. 27.

2. U.S. REP MET SONDAAL, LEADER OF EUROPEAN GROUP, OCT. 26 TO ASSESS WORK AND POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE MEETINGS. EUROPEANS CLEARLY NOT UNITED ON ALL ASPECTS OF WORK. SONDAAL NOTED LITTLE EUROPEAN ENTHUSIASM FOR UK PROPOSAL ON COUNCIL POWERS, DIFFERING VIEWS ON INVESTMENT FORMULAS, AND DIFFERING ASSESSMENT LDC INTEREST. EUROPEANS CONQIDERING ESA FUNDING AND HOSTING THIRD ISWG AT ESTEC FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS HENCE.

3. USSR DEL TOLD U.S. REP HE VERY ANXIOUS THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE CONCLUDED FEBRUARY CONFERENCE AND ASKED WHETHER U.S. SHARED SIMILAR OBJECTIVE. WE REPLIED WE WOULD WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY TOWARD THAT END, BUT WOULD NOT
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JEOPARDIZE SOUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT IN PROCESS.

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4. MEXICAN DEL ALTHOUGH NOT FORMALLY SPEAKING FOR LDC'S IS MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ARTICULATE OF THOSE PRESENT AND CLAIMS LEADERSHIP ROLE. EUROPEANS SKITTISH ABOUT LDC CAPACITY TO RETARD PROGRESS BUT HAVE DECIDED ONLY TO LISTEN TO ARGUMENTS WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT TO REWRITE ANY ASPECT OF TEXTS. U.S. DEL BELIEVES SOME ACCOMMODATION WITH MEXICO CAN BE MADE, BUT DOUBTS OTHERS, WHOSE INTERVENTIONS ARE MORE PASSIONATE THAN RATIONAL, ARE AMENABLE AT THIS TIME TO COMPROMISE.

5. PLENARY ESTABLISHED WORKING GROUP OCT. 27 TO DISCUSS ARTICLE ON PATENT AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND SECOND WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER CAPITAL CEILING AND INVESTMENT SHARES. PATELT GROUP HAD INCONCLUSIVE GENERAL DISCUSSION AND WILL CONTINUE OCT. 28. FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WORKING GROUP CONSIDERED JAPANESE AND UK CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH CONTAINED CALCULATIONS OF INITIAL SHARES UNDER THREE ALTERNATIVES, I.E., POE, U.S. AND SWEDISH PROPOSAL DISCUSSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE AFTER LIBERIAN DEL SAID 10 PERCENT ALLOCATED LIBERIA UNDER SWEDISH PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTABLE, ALD U.S. DEL NOTED 25 PERCENT ALLOCATED U.S. UNDER ORIGINAL U.S. PROPOSAL NOW UNREALISTIC IN TERMS OF U.S. THINKING. CAPITAL CEILING PAPERS BY U.S. AND NORWAY WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER WORKING GROUP FURTHER CONSIDERS INVESTMENT MERITS OF THE THREE PROPOSALS.

6. PLENARY, WHICH MET CONCURRENTLY WITH WORKING GROUPS, DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS PENDING PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND UK REPS WHO MET EVENING OCT. 26 AND ALL DAY OCT. 27 EXAMINING UK TEXT. A TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH U.S. AND EUROPE NOW APPEARS LIKELY.

7. PLENARY BEGAN EXAMINATION ANNEX OSLO REPORT AND REACHED FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

* A. ARTICLE 2 BIS - ACCEPTED.

B. ARTICLE 5 - OTHER SPACE SEGMENTS. TEXT FOR-
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WARDED TO FEBRUARY CONFERENCE WITH NOTE CONTAINED OSLO REPORT. VARIOUS DELS AGREED U.S. STATEMENT THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION PREMATURE IN ABSENCE OF AGREED TEXT ON SCOPE OF ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES.

C. ARTICLE 6 (ORIGINAL U.S. PARA (A)) - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. NOT PRESERVED FROM OSLO TEXT BUT REWORDED TO CLARIFY POINT. THIS ALLOWS U.S. TO DROP

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ARTICLE.

D. ARTICLE 6 - RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION. ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

E. ARTICLE 8 - LEGAL PERSONALITY. ACCEPTED WITH

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WORD "FUNCTIONS" IN SECOND LINE AMENDED TO READ "FUNCTIONING".

F. ARTICLE 11 (F) - ASSEMBLY POWERS/INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. ACCEPTED.

G. ARTICLE 30 - PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. DEFERRED TO CONFERENCE AFTER GENERAL DISCUSSION RE WHETHER PROTOCOL NEED BE INTEGRAL PART OF CONVENTION.

H. ARTICLE 31 - WITHDRAWAL. THREE YEAR PROVISION DELETED REPEAT DELETED. ONE FURTHER AMENDMENT MADE TO

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FILL GAP IN EVENT PARTY FAILS TO ACT AFTER ITS SIGNATORY WITHDRAWS. TEXT THEN ACCEPTED.

I. ARTICLE 32 - SUSPENSION. DEFERRED PENDING MEETING OF SMALL GROUP TO CONSIDER CERTAIN SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. MEXICAN DEL MADE LONG INTERVENTION RE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOTE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SIGNATORIES UNQUOTE TO CONSIDER EXPULSION OF SIGNATORY.
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J. ARTICLE 34 - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. DEFERRED.

K. ARTICLE 37 - SIGNATURE. USSR DEL OBJECTED TO PROVISION RE NO RESERVATIONS. ALSO URGED ALL STATES FORMULA. PLENARY RAN OUT OF TIME AFTER THIS STATEMENT AND WILL BEGIN WITH THIS SUBJECT OCTOBER 28.

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